

CARR-1569

Old Westminster Pike Bridge 6
Sandymount

c. 1800-1899

Summary:

Bridge 6 on the Old Westminster Pike is typical of the small stone bridges built on turnpikes in the nineteenth century in Carroll County to cross small streams and gullies that only periodically carry rainwater runoff. The earliest bridges were of wood, but they required constant maintenance and periodic replacement, so most turnpike companies systematically switched to masonry structures such as this. Its survival is indicative of the success of this switch. The date of construction for this bridge is not known, and its traditional design is almost impossible to narrow down to a fifty year range, but it is likely that the bridge was constructed in the last half of the nineteenth century. Despite the success of the stone bridges, the turnpikes did not survive, being taken over by the State of Maryland in the 1910's.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1569

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Westminster Pike Bridge 6

2. Location

street & number Old Westminster Pike near Brown Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Sandymount ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name County Commissioners of Carroll County

street & number 225 N. Center Street telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bridge 6 on the Old Westminster Pike is located about .2 mile south of Brown Road. It is a rubble stone structure with both the north and south faces parged and scored with double lines in imitation of ashlar. The north abutment is 2' wide by 32' 11" long and is 1' 9" above the roadbed. It stands about 7' 6" above the ground. There is a rubble stone lined well around the north opening that is about 3' deep and provides access to the arched opening that carries water under the bridge. The south abutment is 2' wide by 33' 5 1/2" long and is also 1' 9" above the roadbed. On the ground side it is 12' 8" above ground, and the arched opening has straight sides, with stone voussoirs. The abutments are 38' 5" apart, from inside to inside.

Contributing resources: 1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographical Organization:
Chronological/Development Period:

Piedmont
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:
Resource Types:

Transportation
Bridge

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property N/AQuadrangle name WestminsterQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

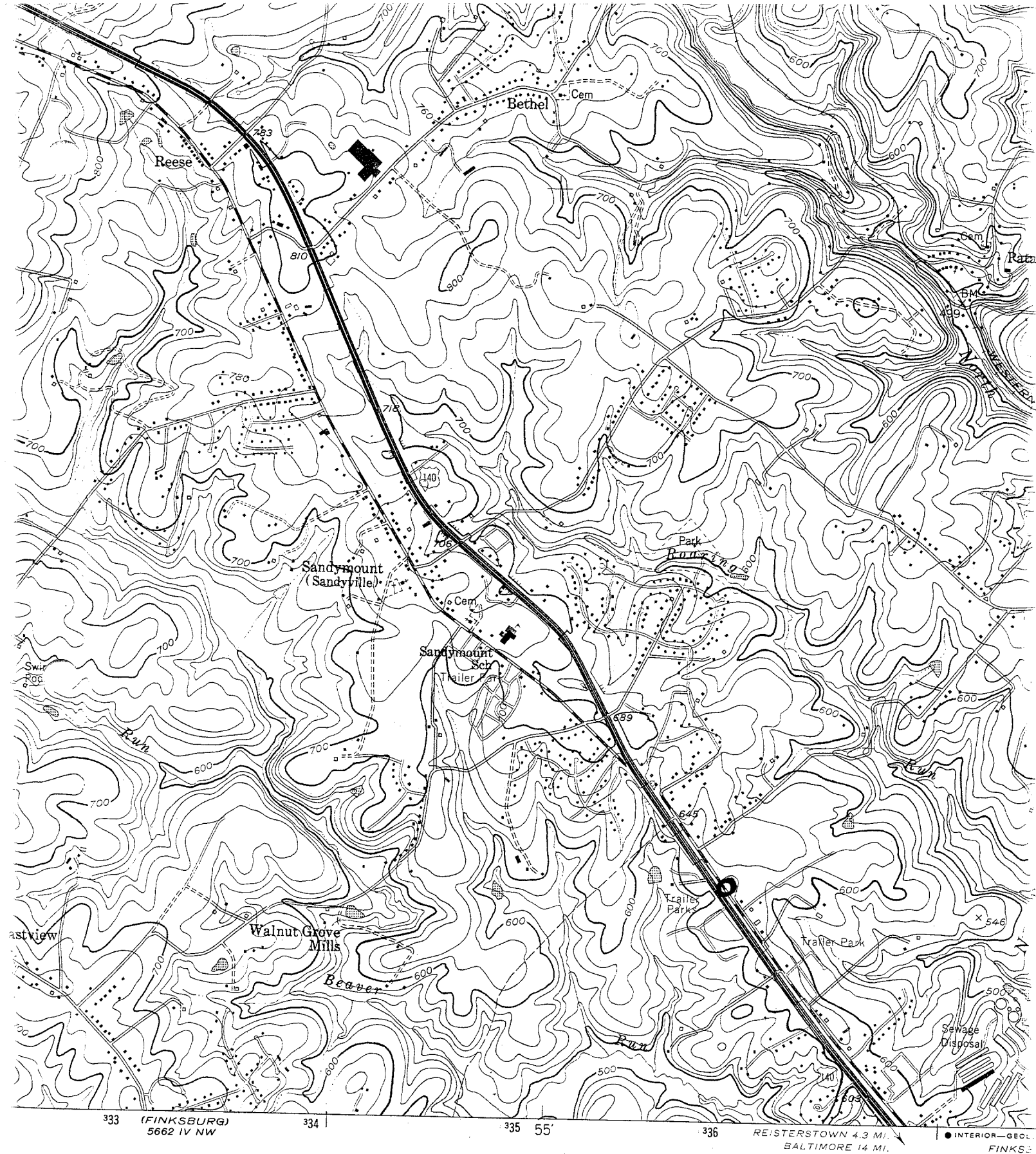
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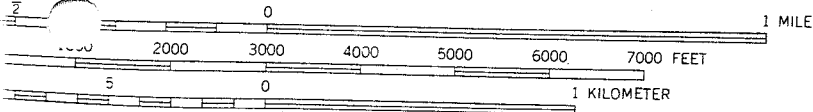
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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Old Westminster Pike Bridge 6
Old Westminster Pike near Brown Rd
Quad: **Sandy Mount** WESTMINSTER

QUADRANGLE LOCATION



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Old Westminster Pike Bridge Co
NR. Brown RD

Carroll County Maryland

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Date: December 1997

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